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July 26, 2012

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director and Health Officer

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A  
SOLE SOURCE AGREEMENT FUNDED BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION GRANT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on October 18, 2011, to select providers, negotiate, and execute sole source agreements as needed to address the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) priorities and meet grant deliverables effective upon execution through September 29, 2012, with an option to extend thereafter for four additional one-year terms through September 29, 2016, contingent upon availability of funding, with annual contract maximum obligations not to exceed \$200,000 per agreement, 100 percent funded by the CDC's Community Transformation Grant (CTG), subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

Under this authority, I will execute a sole source agreement with the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center Foundation, Inc. (LAC + USC Foundation), effective upon execution through September 29, 2012, with an option to extend thereafter for four additional one-year terms through September 29, 2016, in the total amount of \$475,000 (\$75,000 for Year 1; \$100,000 per term thereafter) subject to availability of funds. The LAC + USC Foundation will establish and direct and manage the daily operations of the Wellness Center to be located in the historic LAC + USC Medical Center (General Hospital).

The Wellness Center will link referred patients and underserved members of the community to accessible resources promoting healthy long-term behavior and ultimately decreasing hospital re-admission rates. Through tailored referrals to nationally recognized nonprofit and governmental entities (including the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, the Los Angeles County [LAC] Department of Health Services, the LAC Department of Public Health [DPH], and the LAC Department of Mental Health), the Wellness Center will facilitate convenient access to effective nutritional and weight management programs, mental health support networks, and other disease prevention resources.

The CDC CTG supports DPH's Choose Health LA project which builds upon the foundation and accomplishments of project RENEW and project TRUST, previously funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Through the Choose Health LA project, DPH will

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continue programs and educational campaigns that address the following areas: tobacco-free living, active living and healthy eating, clinical and other preventive services, social and emotional wellness, and healthy and safe physical environments. Unique in concept, the Wellness Center will ensure convenient access to active living and healthy eating resources that are critical to improving the health of the target population and decreasing hospital re-admission rates.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors